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TELEGRAMS.	TELEGRAMS.	TELEGRAMS.	TELEGRAMS.	TELEGRAMS.	TELEGRAMS.	TELEGRAMS.
THE REVOLUTION. OUTBREAK AT WEI-HAI-WI. (Our Own Correspondent.) Shanghai, Feb. 14, 9.5 a.m. An anti-revolutionary outbreak has occurred at Wei-hai-wei. The mob captured the city and hundreds of revolutionary sympathisers were tortured and killed. Marines from H.M.S. Kent are preserving order at the British boundary and a detachment of 100 of the Inniskilling Fusiliers from Tientsin are due shortly. Last night the revolutionary authorities at Chefoo sent deputies on a Chinese warship to negotiate for peace. THE FUTURE CAPITAL. London, Feb. 13, 3.55 a.m. Reuter's correspondent at Nanking says that the Republicans insist upon the future capital of China being established at Nanking. The proposed constitution follows the American model, except that the President and Vice-President will be elected by Congress. It also provides for religious freedom and the establishment of conscription. A WONDERFUL COM-PROMISE. London, Feb. 13, 2.10 p.m. Reuter's Peking correspondent states that it appears that the edicts were arranged by Yuan Shih-kai. They are regarded as a wonderful compromise and profound relief is felt by everyone. It is hoped that the arrangement will satisfy all parties. "THE WILL OF HEAVEN." The edict accepting the Republic says "It is evident that a majority of the people favour a Republic, and from that preference the people's hearts and the will of heaven are discernible. How could we oppose the desires of millions of our people for the glory of one family? Therefore, the Dowager Empress and the Emperor vest the sovereignty in the people and order Yuan Shih-kai to confer with the Republicans on the methods of forming a great Republic which will unite the Manchus, Chinese, Mongols, Mohammedans and Tibetans."	SIR FREDERICK LUGARD. LEAVING HONGKONG. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. The Government announces that Southern and Northern Nigeria are to be amalgamated under Sir Frederick Lugard, who is to proceed shortly from Hongkong to England. WORK IN NIGERIA. Bombay, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. It will be Sir Frederick Lugard's duty after a study of local conditions to submit recommendations for the future administration of Nigeria.—Reuter. FLIGHT FROM BATTLESHIP. Naval Airman's Ascent in Sheerness Harbour. The aeroplane flight from a British warship was made on January 10, in Sheerness Harbour, Lieutenant C. R. Samson, R.N., of H.M.S. Acton, making a successful ascent from the battleship Africa. Lieutenant Samson flew from the Eastchurch (Isle of Sheppey) aerodrome in a Short biplane, passing over the Medway, and alighting on the marshland behind the sea wall off Cockleshell Hard, on the Isle of Grain shore. A party of blue-jackets ran to his assistance and hauled the machine across the sea wall and beach to a coaling lighter. A pinnace took the lighter in tow to the Africa. With the aid of a derrick the aeroplane was lifted on board without mishap, and was placed on planks which extended from the fore turrets to the bows, projecting a few feet over the stem of the ship. Just before all was in readiness for the flight Lieutenant Samson walked up and down the improvised staging to test it with the view of ascertaining if it would stand the aeroplane running over it. The fore part of the Africa's deck was cleared for action, and at 2.20 p.m., exactly half an hour after the machine had been brought alongside, the naval airman made a most successful ascent. The biplane was piloted first over the destroyer Chervell, and then making a graceful curve it encircled the battleship at an altitude several yards below her topmasts, the cheering from her crew being renewed. Lieutenant Samson then rose gradually to a height of 300 ft., and after passing up the Medway for a short distance, crossed overland again at Westminster and flew back to the aerodrome at Eastchurch. Lieutenant Spenser Grey, of the battleship Agamemnon, on January 7 made a fine flight in his monoplane across Weymouth Bay to Portland Roadstead, where he circled a number of times over the battle ships and cruisers of the Home Fleet lying at anchor. On January 10 he met with an accident and dislocated his shoulder.	LABOUR TROUBLES. MINERS GIVE NOTICE. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. Many thousands of miners are handing in their notices to-day.—Reuter. PROBLEM UNSOLVED. Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. The Miners' Conference in London has passed a resolution regretting that the owners have refused the principle of a minimum wage which is essential to a settlement and expressing willingness again to meet the owners if the latter should so desire.—Reuter. THE REICHSTAG. TOO MANY LIBERALS. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 13, 3.55 a.m. Reuter's Berlin correspondent reports that the Liberals have requested Herr Paasche who was elected vice-President of the Reichstag to resign as it is impossible for the Liberals to fill all the Presidential offices. AMERICA'S FLEET. Taft ON REDUCTION. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 13, 11.00 a.m. A message from New York states that at the Lincoln Day banquet President Taft denounced the proposals of the Democrats to reduce the armaments of the United States. He thought that in view of America's responsibilities in different parts of the world it would be a great mistake, and certainly the diminution of the fleet should not be contemplated till the Panama Canal was completed.—(Reuter). AUSTRALIAN POLITICS. LIBERAL SUCCESS. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 13, 11.00 a.m. A telegram from Adelaide states that the Liberals have secured a majority of eight in the Assembly but lost three seats in the Council in metropolitan districts owing to heavy labour enrolments of women, the validity of whose votes is questionable. Nevertheless the Liberals on the Council number twelve against six.—(Reuter).	TEST CRICKET. THE RUBBER WON. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 13, 7.25 p.m. Showers fell in the early morning when the match was resumed, afterwards giving place to sunshine. The atmosphere was cool, and it was windy. The attendance was good. The wicket was very but the Australians were disposed of for 173 runs. Douglas bowled with excellent effect, capturing five wickets for 46 runs. Foster had three wickets for 38. London, Feb. 14, 4.45 p.m. The utmost enthusiasm prevails over the recapture of the "Ashes." The critics say that England can now look forward with confidence to the triangular contest.—Reuter. LATE TELEGRAMS. (From Manila Papers.) Washington, Feb. 5. Telegrams from the City of Mexico report that quiet has been restored in Juarez, where a mutinous garrison was for several days in control of the city. The mutineers have been placed under arrest, and residents of the city are returning to their homes and their daily tasks. President Madero has announced that he is determined upon drastic methods to suppress the insurrection and that he will halt at no means to bring to an end the reign of terror in the north. Feb. 6. Great Britain is fortifying Fanning Island. The news of this move was received here yesterday and caused no little speculation as to the object of it. Feb. 7. The situation in Mexico continues to grow worse, and the alarm consequent thereon in Washington still disturbs the officials. It is reported that the War Department is preparing 60,000 state militia for Mexican service. It is understood that the governors of certain states have been informally requested to take up the matter with their state organizations, so that the troops may be held in readiness for any emergency. The report could not be verified, nor was it denied at the War Department. A conference of the progressive or insurgent Republican leaders was held yesterday, at which it was definitely decided that former President Roosevelt was their last hope. It is now understood that Senator Taft will withdraw from the race for nomination in favour of the rough rider. The action of the Ohio insurgents some weeks ago in failing to endorse Taft Follette for the nomination because of the prevalence of Roosevelt sentiment made it apparent that the former president was the only man who could unite insurgency so as to present a respectable front in the convention.	HOME POLITICS. CABINET CHANGES. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. It is officially announced that Earl Carrington has resigned the office of Privy Seal and has received a Marquessate. Lord Crowe has been appointed Privy Seal but is retaining the Secretaryship of India. Lord Pentland has resigned the office of Secretary of State for Scotland and is being replaced by Mr. T. McKinnon Wood, member for St. Rollox, Glasgow. LORD PENTLAND FOR MADRAS. Bombay, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. It is understood that Lord Pentland has accepted the post of Governor of Madras.—Reuter. KING AND MINISTERS. Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Haldane have had exceptionally prolonged audiences of the King. There are persistent and vague reports concerning Mr. Asquith's retirement from the Premiership.—Reuter. BRITISH GU'ANA. NEW GOVERNOR. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. Sir Walter Egerton has been appointed Governor of British Guiana.—Reuter. ENGLISH EXECUTIONER ON ELECTROCUTIONS. Mr. James Berry, formerly official executioner in England, who has just been to America, was permitted to witness an execution at Sing Sing Penitentiary a few weeks ago, and has been giving his opinion on the American style of capital punishment. He declares "execution by electricity is a barbarous method of putting an end to a man's life. The body is almost invariably burned, and the whole affair is far bungling, one. Hanging is far superior for the corpses have a beautiful appearance after hanging. The faces are smiling and not contorted, and anyway it is a peaceful death." Mr. Berry's ardent views on executions are widely published.	TRIPOLI WAR. DESPERATE FIGHTING. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that the Italians at Derina on Saturday night repulsed three violent attacks after desperate fighting and at heavy loss to the Turks. The Italian casualties amounted to three dead and twenty-two wounded. The Turks abandoned sixty dead.—Reuter. MR. F. S. LINDSAY. DEATH IN SWITZERLAND. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. Mr. E. S. Lindsay, engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, has died at Grindelwald.—Reuter. BOXING BOUTS IN CHURCH. The completion of a gymnasium in the basement of the Abigail Vane Memorial Church at Philadelphia, was celebrated on January 9 by a progressive fistie bout, in which the participants were "Tony" Biddle, A. J. Drexel, "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, Danny Hutchinson, famous Pennsylvania football player; Frank Boyd, society man, and Bryan Hayes, former amateur welterweight champion. Each man faced the other six contenders for three rounds. The boxing party was given under the direction of William S. Vane, who was defeated for the Mayorly nomination by George H. Earle, and was held in secret.	ENGLAND & GERMANY. CONSOLS BUOYANT. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. Consols are buoyant upon hopes of an rapprochement between England and Germany and of German buying.—Reuter. KING GEORGE. TURKISH DECORATION. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 14, 7.40 a.m. Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople says that the Sultan has conferred upon King George the Order of "Hamed Ani Ali Osman. This is the highest Turkish decoration.—Reuter. SIR EDWARD GREY. A HIGH HONOUR. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 13, 2.10 p.m. Sir Edward Grey has been created a Knight of the Garter and the Earl of Durham a Privy Councillor. The newspapers point out that Sir Edward Grey's appointment is a signal mark of Royal confidence, as he is the first commoner to be so honoured since Sir Robert Walpole.—Reuter. "OVEL USE FOR ELECTRICITY. A novel use for electricity on a comparatively large scale has been devised in New Orleans in connection with a 6,000 egg incubator, built for a professional poultry breeder. 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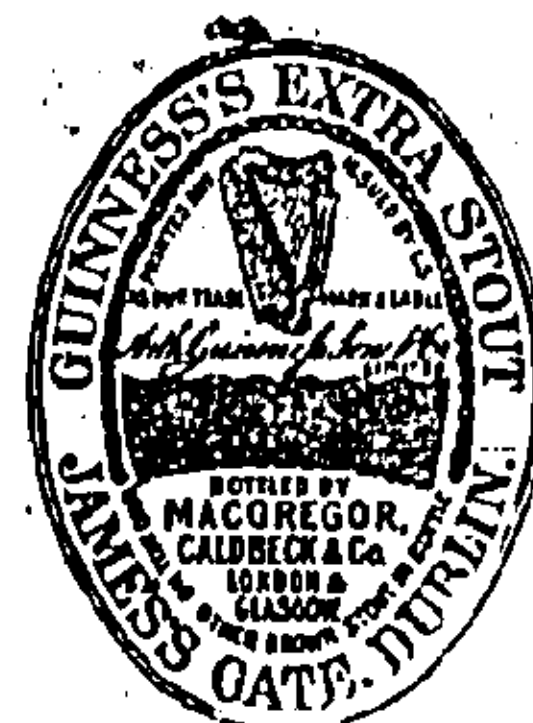
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China Mail.

The Famine in China.

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hear at this late date that even in
certain parts of China some
doubts exist as to the real gravity
of the famine which prevails in
the central provinces. Such
wayfarers may be interested to
learn that from a letter just
received from the Rev. E. O.
Lobenstein, the Hon. Secretary of
the Central Famine-Relief Com-
mittee, organised in Shanghai, we
gather that not only are there
eight distinct regions in which
want is already being felt, but in
two or three districts the famine
is worse than last year. In North
Anhui and North Kiangsu
people have had no opportunity
to recover from last year's flood
and failure of crops, while this
year the revolution makes im-
mediate government aid impossible,
and the presence of soldiers and
the expectation of military op-
erations right in the famine region
renders the distress more acute
than ever.

Daily Press.

The Revolution Ended.

This revolution has interfered
greatly with the agricultural
industry of the country, and we
shall doubtless be hearing later
on of great scarcity of the staple
food of the people leading to
much civil commotion, especially
as there will be little prospect of
meeting the deficiency by imports,
owing to unsatisfactory harvests
in the principal rice-growing
countries of Asia. For some time
to come the country will need to
be ruled with great firmness
while beneficent reforms in
the administration are initiated.
Sun Yat-sen's original idea was
a military regime for five years,
but since the union of North
and South has become a
matter of arrangement rather
than of conquest, the coun-
try may be expected to settle
down much more rapidly than
would have been the case had the
armies of the south been obliged
to fight their way to Peking. A
great deal now depends upon the
way in which Yuan Shih-kai and
his henchmen co-operate with
Sun Yat-sen and his Ministers,
and news for the further arrange-
ment made for the future govern-
ment of the country is eagerly
awaited.

South China Morning Post.

The Cost of Living.

In the last ten or twelve years
matters have assumed a grave
aspect, and it is in the unfortu-
nate speeding-up in this struggle
for livelihood that is to be found
the source of all the industrial
unrest which has so choked the
recent history of the civilised
nations. It must be remembered
that only the worker really
feels the pressure of increased
prices of necessities. He has
none of that elastic surplus
which safeguards the well-to-do
from the pitiless rigours of straiten-
ed circumstances. Thus it is that
in despair he rails against his
employer and there arises a hatred
which precipitates strikes and
mutual defiance, the result of
which is merely to aggravate
already lamentable conditions.
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THE BOOK WORLD.

(In this column will appear from time to time reviews of books and chat on books and writers.)

A reviewer has found fault with Mr. Saintsbury's treatment of Milton in the last volume of the "Cambridge History of English Literature" on the ground that he "does not appear to have formed any unified notion of Milton as an individual, or even to have recognised the need of trying to form one." He does not further explain himself, but apparently his meaning is that Mr. Saintsbury has detached the poetry of Milton from Milton's character and considered it upon its merits as thus isolated. If so, probably Mr. Saintsbury would take the charge very lightly. No doubt he has in his own mind as clear and unified an idea of Milton as an individual as his predecessor Masson, the Milton scholar, had, but he would confess that to consider the poetry in its relation to it was no part of his critical method.

To those who are all for what has been called the physiognomic treatment of poetry two concessions may be made. For one thing, all literature is physiognomic. No writer can absolutely keep himself out of his work. Even the thoroughgoing realists who have made it a point of conscience to try to do so have only partially succeeded. In revealing their conception of a section of life they have revealed, at any rate, a corner of their conception of life as a whole, while other elements, although invisible, must in the nature of things have oozed in. Further, the utilisation of poetry as a means of exploring the poet's literary character issues in one of the most charming genres in literature. It is by that art that the "literary portrait" is constructed, and there are readers to whom the literary portrait of a poet is more interesting than the poetry itself. On the other hand, if criticism means the appraisal of literature as good or bad and the detection of the elements that make it so, the literary portrait is not criticism. Inasmuch as it aims at exhibiting the convincing picture of character, although, as in the case of Sainte-Beuve, it may be combined most effectively with criticism, it yet leans less to the science of criticism as thus conceived than to the science of psychology. All this is elementary, and it only remains to add that the physiognomic method is not universally applicable. There is an immense body of literature in the world which we cannot relate to those who produced it other than conjecturally because it is anonymous. Now the first quest of a critic is for a method which may be applied uniformly throughout the whole kingdom of poetry. Mr. Saintsbury has found it in the impression which poetry, wherever found, makes upon his aesthetic perceptions, and it is the fact that he has applied this method consistently throughout so large a field that, although it has resulted in many reversals of judgment, gives him his distinctive place among the critics of the day.

It is known that one who journeys round the earth eastward gains a day in the year. The fact has been utilised in fiction. Jules Verne utilised it in his "Round the World in Eighty Days," and passed it on to Mr. Kipling for his "Wandering Jew," just as he himself had probably borrowed it from a story of Poe's. The editor of the American "Bookman," however, suggests that there may have been an actual Phileas Fogg, and tells the story of one who may have served as the original of the character, with the delightfully ironical caution that he does so with "all due reservations." An American physician, he tells us, settled at Paris during the Second Empire, and, as he had a

large practice among the English-speaking residents there, prospered. After the conclusion of the Franco-German War, however, his wife and two daughters were killed in a railway accident, and thenceforth he was a broken man. He retired from active life and developed eccentricities. Notably he interested himself in the discredited sciences of the Middle Ages. He dabbled in astrology; he experimented in the transmutation of metals, and he sought for the elixir of life. The last he found, but not in the elixir. He discovered the scientific fact above alluded to, and, calculating that he who went round the world three hundred and sixty-five times gained a clear year, concluded that it was necessary only to keep this up to add indefinitely to the years of one's life. This conclusion he confided to certain of his friends, who were so little struck with the momentousness of it that they quietly walked him off to a "maison de santé."

M. Maurice Dekobra has been applying to some of the leading comic writers in Europe for a definition of humour, and the article into which he has woven their replies makes entertaining reading in the number of "La Revue" for the first half of the month. Of course none of the definitions is satisfactory. Humour is too elusive and subtle a spirit for definition and is not to be caught, even as the soul of Onuphrius was by the mage, "between two brushes." Some of the writers accordingly fall back upon describing the humourist, and even so, it is apparent that there are two different conceptions of humour in their minds. One set of writers are for limiting it to its manifestations in irony and satire, the other would limit it to what is called "pure humour." Thus M. Dekobra warns us that the humourist is not a mere "funny man"; "he is a sage who consciously sets himself to destroy our illusions, having first dispelled his own, and who, to prove the relativity of all things, saddens our gaiety and enlivens our sadness." Mr. Courtney distinguishes wit, as the effervescence of a light character, from humour, which belongs "to a more morose and sometimes a deeper temperament," and is often only the manifestation of a high-strung sensibility. On the other hand, a Swedish contributor says: "The humourist is always contented with existence; he cannot therefore be a pessimist. He smiles benevolently at all that life offers him of grotesque. His motives are exclusively good, his intentions also. He does not indulge in satire or irony, he penetrates and pardons." Mark Twain offers the purest conception of humour of this sort.

Now usage has sanctioned the application in a rough way of the word humour to satire and irony, but there is a certain technical advantage in limiting it to humour pure and simple. The distinction is an easy one. The humourist raises the laugh for the laugh's sake, whereas with the satirist it is only a means to an end, the end being the criticism and laceration of the object of his antipathy. Thus in the couplet in "Hudibras" which describes people who

Compound for sins they are inclined to
By damning those they have no mind to
Butler does make a very effectual bid for the reader's laugh, but it is only in order to enlist his sympathy in condemning a certain order of Puritan character. Similarly Swift, in "Sid Hamet's Rod":—

Sid's rod was slender, white
and tall,
Which oft he used to fish
withal;
A place was fastened to the
hook;
And many score of gudgeons
took;
Yet still, so happy was his fate,
He caught his fish and saved
his bait.

This is joyously funny, but Swift would have reckoned he had failed if the reader's laugh did not glance from the witicism to the person of Godolphin. Those instances may remind us that the affinity of satire is with wit rather than with humour. Of the latter quality is of the very essence. It is, as Mr. Zangwill says, "the smile upon the face of wisdom."

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P. L. LOK HING, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Feb. 1912. [156]

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Hongkong, 15th Dec. 1911. [61]

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THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 17th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, WM. JOLLY, Secretary.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1912.

THE GOVERNOR.

The news that His Excellency the Governor is shortly to leave us to take over important duties in Africa is not altogether unexpected. It has been known in well-informed quarters for some time that there was a prospect of His Excellency's departure from the Colony at an early date, and Sir Frederick himself made a suggestive remark recently at a prize giving function. We announced in this paper on Monday that His Excellency would probably accompany Lady Lugard Home next month, and those who were gifted with the ability to read between the lines probably saw more in the intimation than the mere fact recorded.

At present it is not necessary to traverse Sir Frederick Lugard's record as Governor of Hongkong. For the moment it is sufficient to say that few if any of his predecessors gained for themselves the esteem and the affection, which he has won. His period of administration has been one of financial stress, but under his wise guidance the Colony has pulled through with credit. Upon his devoted interest in education and in fact in everything that made for the betterment of life in the Colony it is needless to dwell at this stage. Hongkong frankly regrets a great loss, but it is sufficiently imperial-minded to feel thankful that the great administrative gifts it has enjoyed the benefit of for so long are to be employed still in the interests of the Empire, in a wider sphere.

THE PARTY SYSTEM.

Parliament reassembles to-day for what will probably prove to be the most momentous session of modern times. For the moment the outlook as far as foreign affairs are concerned seems clear, but upon domestic matters a bitter strife is just about to begin. Though it is difficult to set bounds to the audacity of a Cabinet which includes Mr. L. George and Mr. W. Churchill, it is scarcely to be supposed that the Home Rule Bill will be bludgeoned through the House of Commons as was done in connection with the Insurance Bill. Whatever shape the Home Rule Bill that has been prepared by the Cabinet under Mr. John Redmond's tutelage may take, the change proposed is one of such grave importance to the Empire, that it would be little short of scandalous for the measure to be forced through the Commons by the use—or abuse—of the guillotine. No measure could call for more calm and deliberate consideration than the Home Rule Bill; the fullest discussion and the most critical and searching analysis of its provisions are imperative.

The Bill is hardly likely to be dealt with on its merits; assuming for the sake of argument that it has some. It will be dealt with as a party question; and some will vote for it with the feeling of nausea that is ever attendant upon the performance of what is looked upon as an unpleasant duty. Freedom to do what is right is denied to the party politician; individual beliefs have to be abandoned when the Whip calls the pack to heel. This is inevitable in a House of Commons in which the party system prevails, and more particularly when members have their Parliamentary stipend to consider. The man whose conscience compels him to vote against his party on one particular question knows that at the next election he has a poor chance of finding the party machinery at his disposal should he wish to return to the House. The party system tends to

make of members mere voting automata and the ideal private member is the one of whom Gilbert wrote:

He always voted at his party's call
And never thought of thinking for himself at all.

That the best results can accrue from such a system is impossible. In an ideal Parliament there would be no parties and the Cabinet would be elected by both Houses sitting together. It is difficult to conceive such a happening, as we have known party government practically ever, since the Parliamentary system began. But a Cabinet composed of the men who were chosen by the hereditary and elected legislators—to be best equipped for the positions and whose retention of office did not depend upon the success of each other would assuredly be a better and stronger combination than any that could be obtained exclusively from any of the parties in existence to-day. Every measure would be voted on by the members according to their genuine belief and not because the "party" held a certain course to be right. We know that such a system is not at present within the bounds of practicability, but as time goes on we feel sure that the policy of government by negotiation will be discarded as a cumbersome and ineffective method of transforming the will of the democracy into legislation.

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To-day's Paper.

An interesting article in reference to the ex-Sultan of Turkey appears on page 8. The Book World and the coupon for the Photographic Competition will be found on page 3.

One of the Hongkong Hotel boys was suspected of being in possession of opium yesterday and an ex-cise officer demanded a search of his baggage. The boy not only declined to allow of the search but also assaulted the officer. At the Magistrate's, this morning, he was fined \$50 or a month.

At the Marine Court to-day, one Loung Feung Fuk, master of a licensed passenger boat, was fined \$1 or seven days, for unlawfully mooring his boat within one hundred yards of low water mark, in a prohibited place, on the 14th inst.

Dumping.

Bodies have been found in Wong Kok, in the Harbour (two), and Yau-nai (two). There were five cases in all, death in four instances being in consequence of small-pox.

Welsh Dinner.

At a meeting of the Welsh Society held yesterday the Hon. Mr. W. Rees-Davies, K.C., was elected President; Dr. Fitzwilliams, Vice-President and Mr. J. R. Powell-Grant, Hon. Secretary, for this year. A notification in regard to the Annual Dinner to be held on St. David's Day appears in our advertising columns.

Gambling.

At the Magistrate's, this morning, fifteen men were charged with gambling in a house in Hill Road, last night. Dice, cards and money were found by the police in the room where the arrests were made.

Three of the men the police said were previously convicted for gambling. One man admitted the conviction and two denied it.

They were each fined \$3, or seven days with the exception of one defendant, who was fined \$25 or one month.

Opium Smoking.

At the Magistrate's, yesterday twenty men were charged with being in an opium den in Chung Shau Lane West. The two keepers of the den were included in the number.

Sergeant Atwell deposed to making the arrests after he had commissioned a Chinese assistant to make observations. His assistant had been supplied with pipe, lamp and bed; the price he paid was three cents.

The first and second defendants were fined \$200 each or three months' imprisonment with hard labour and the others were each fined \$5 or fourteen days.

Men and Machinery.

Recently blocks of stone were found on the track of the Shima-bara Railway, evidently placed there, the "Nagasaki Press" states, in order to wreck trains and by the same hand, as they were laid in the same place on each occasion. The police enquiries resulted in the arrest of a labourer, aged 31 years, who is reported to have confessed to committing the crime. Rumour states that the attempts were made in revenge for the injury done to his father-in-law, a Japanese man, by the construction of the railway.

India's Imperial State Crown, which is the King's personal property, contains over 6,000 diamonds.

At the Magistrate's, to-day, a man was charged with being in unlawful possession of five jars and two tins of wood oil valued \$10. He was fined \$25, or fourteen days with hard labour.

The troopship Northbrook with the 24th (Hazara) Mountain Battery was signalled off the Gap Rock this morning at 11.30, but she had not taken up her berth at Holt's wharf when we went to press.

Hongkong Church Missionary Association.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association will be held at St. Paul's College to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

The City Hall.

During the week ended Feb. 11, there were 4,224 Chinese visitors to the Museum and 172 to the City Hall Library. The non-Chinese visitors to these institutions numbered 307 and 401 respectively.

Football.

The following will represent the "Se outa" Company in an Association Match against a team of Naval Officers on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 15th inst.:—H. W. Moon (Goal); R. E. Long H. I. Jones (Full Backs); D. Campbell, T. G. Weall, T. J. Fisher (Half Backs); J. H. Brister, W. D. Blaker, T. C. Roberts, W. B. Rignell, E. W. H. Graham (Forwards).

Chinese Officer Fined.

An officer in the Chinese navy was charged at the Magistrate's, this morning, with carrying a sword without legal permission.

Defendant said he did not understand the law as he was fresh from Canton. The sword, he said, was the property of the captain of the Chinese gunboat Yuen Woo.

He was fined \$50, or one month's imprisonment.

Ministering Children's League.

The members of the Portuguese Branch of the Ministering Children's League of which Lady Lugard is the president, were entertained this afternoon by His Excellency, the Governor, on behalf of Lady Lugard, who is at present too ill to act as hostess.

After being addressed by His Excellency the children were invited to tea. A very pleasant time was spent.

Scotsman's Righteous Wrath.

Somebody in my compartment, writes a correspondent who had been reading a note in the London Correspondence, remarked that Patna's current rate for the hire of a murderer, £3-10s-8d., was high in comparison with certain Italian towns. "Say what you like about Italy, but leave Scotland alone wif' yer hired murderers," came a voice from the corner. "Reckonations and explanations were hopelessly intermingled till the Scotsman (peacefully) persuaded to read the whole of the paragraph on the new capital of the Bengalese provinces, after which, with the aid of a happily handy "Bradshaw," he pointed out a "Patna" on a branch line of the Glasgow and South-Western Railway, ten miles from Ayr. "Belong about there," was his sufficient explanation.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

Government House Party.

The members of the Ministering Children's League were entertained by His Excellency, Sir Frederick Lugard, on behalf of Lady Lugard, the president of the league, yesterday. There was a particularly good attendance.

His Excellency said: "I am very glad to see you here this afternoon and to welcome you all, and I hope you will have a pleasant time. I am sorry Lady Lugard is not here to welcome you herself. As you know, she has been ill some time and is still confined to her bed. She has asked me, on her behalf, to say how glad she is so many of her little friends have been able to come and I hope you will have a pleasant time in spite of the weather to-day. Mr. Johnson will now say a few words to you."

Thanks to His Excellency.

The Rev. F. T. Johnson in the course of an address said that they were all very grateful to His Excellency, the Governor, for allowing them to meet in that hall that day, also for presiding over them and for the very kind words he had spoken. He was sure they were all very sorry that Lady Lugard was not able to be with them. They all knew the interest she had taken for a long time past in the Ministering Children's League. She would certainly have liked to be with them if she could. He would like His Excellency to take it as the wish of all the representatives of the league present that day, that Lady Lugard would soon be well and strong and able to go about. No one in the Colony would be more glad to see her ladyship well and strong again than her little friends of the Ministering Children's League. They all had a duty to perform to themselves to other people and to their country—he presumed they were all British—and he exhorted them to do that duty.

After enjoying themselves in the grounds the children were entertained to tea.

RACECOURSE PREPARATIONS.

Prospects of Good Sport.

The rain of the last two days has had a tendency to improve the race track, and there is little doubt that but for it the turf would have been slightly baked by the opening day. No more, however, is required or there is every chance that the going will be heavy and against speedy performances. Stands and booths have made their appearance like mushrooms, and number boards have been placed in position, though in the case of the larger one a much more advantageous spot could be found for it than where it is at present located. Just now it is behind the judge's box and faces that part of the course where nobody is accommodated.

In accordance with custom the galloping immediately before race week takes place on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, so that this morning nothing other than healthy exercise was given the candidates. Mr. Burkill was in attendance and had a leg up on Sir Paul Chater's nominations, Sir Paul being present and taking a keen interest in the centering of the ponies.

Much excitement is experienced locally over the "sweep" draws which take place this week-end, and speculation runs high as to those fortunate enough to secure ponies looked upon to have the most favourable chances.

Traffic regulations have already been published, ponies are in good condition generally, and the crack riders of the Far East are on the spot waiting to be thrown up into the saddle. All that is necessary now to make this meeting a great success is favourable weather, as entries are numerous and big and interesting fields can be looked forward to.

It is to be noted that the early morning trains to the course will run to-morrow and on Saturday.

A Eurasian has been taken to the hospital suffering from injuries received through falling from a third floor window in Queen's Road East, yesterday. The man is in a critical condition.

SANITARY BOARD.

Discussion on Water Supply.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board, was held yesterday afternoon when there were present:—Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, in the chair, Hon. Mr. R. Hallifax, Registrar General, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works, Col. Irwin, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Lau Chu-pak, Dr. Fitzwilliams, W. F. Clark, M. O. H., Dr. Pearce, Assist. M. O. H. and Mr. Bowen Rowlands, Secretary.

Pursuant to notice Mr. Bowley moved:—

"That in view of the new roads and increased traffic in the vicinity of the Filter Beds and Service Reservoirs this Board is of opinion that it is necessary in order to protect the water supply of the City from contamination and in the interests of the Public Health of the Colony:—

(1.) To enclose the Albany Filter Beds and Reservoir by erecting: (a.) a brick wall 6 feet in height in the place of the open iron railing recently erected along the Western coping of the new road skirting the eastern extremity of the Filter Beds. (b.) a wall or unclimbable fence from the Southern extremity of the wall mentioned in (a) to the entrance to the Ladies' Recreation Club, with a gate at the western extremity of such wall or fence. (c.) a wall or unclimbable fence at the North West corner of the enclosure.

(2.) To enclose the Filter Beds and tanks below Bowen Road and at the West Point with walls or unclimbable fences.

The Chairman pointed out that regulations to the same effect had been passed, and in reply to the last resolution which was sent to them, the Government said that they were aware of the need of roofing the reservoir and would do so, as soon as funds were available. Up to the present no funds were available.

Mr. Bowley gave a description of the Bowen Road filter beds and reservoirs, pointing out that the station was easy of access to coolies and children. He avowed that the coolies in the employ of the Ladies' Recreation Club, and Rifle Association, although in theory prohibited from entering the water works, were free to come and go at their own sweet will. Though the question of roofing the reservoir was a question of money, and would involve the preparation of plans, etc., the building of a fence should be put in hand at a very small cost.

Speaking of the filter beds near Wanchai Gap, Mr. Bowley pointed out that the only protection to the beds was a notice board to the following effect:—If bitten by dog, not responsible. (Laughter.) Dr. Fitzwilliams seconded the motion.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham said that it was not practicable at the time, to cover the Bowen Road reservoir, because the supply of the city was to a great extent dependent upon it. Until some other substitute had been provided to enable the demands in the matter of consumption of water, to be met, it was not policy to put a cover over the reservoir.

Mr. Bowley said that if it were impracticable to cover the reservoir, it most certainly was practicable to surround them with a fence.

The motion was carried, the Hon. Registrar General, and the Hon. Director of Public Works voting against.

The Pokfulam Reservoir.

Dr. Fitzwilliams, dealing with the report of the Government Bacteriologist on the Pokfulam water supply, pointed out that the report said that the water was not perfectly filtered, judged from a strict standard, and that storage was altogether inefficient. He urged the appointment of the select committee proposed in H. E. the Governor's minute of Nov. 22, 1910.

Mr. Bowley was of the opinion that the report required further consideration and proposed:—That the Board recommend that pending further consideration of the whole question of the Pokfulam Water Supply, the following temporary measure should be adopted:—the discontinuance of the use of water that has not been stored, and that clauses a, b, c, and d, as many of them as had not been carried out, be carried out. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fitzwilliams and carried.

SMART CAPTURES.

Cat for Housebreaking.

At the Magistrate's this morning, two men were charged with breaking and entering the private house 527, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Sunday afternoon, whilst the occupant was in Hongkong, and stealing ornaments and other articles valued at \$98.

Only a week ago this house was broken into and inside a few hours Sergeant Brown had the culprit in custody. In this instance the affair occurred about two o'clock, and by half-past three, the same afternoon the two prisoners were arrested and all the missing property accounted for.

Both prisoners were found guilty and each sentenced to six months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the cat.

SUMMARY COURT.

A Watchman's Claim.

In the Summary Court to-day before Mr. Justice (Comptrol) an Indian watchman named Menga sued Cheung Koon-ling to recover \$30 being one month's wages and \$15 in lieu of notice.

Mr. J. H. Gardner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Needham for the defendant.

Plaintiff told his Lordship that he had been in the defendant's service for three and a half years, and on Dec. 1 he was dismissed without any reason being given, save that he was told that another watchman had been engaged in his place.

The case for the defence was that the man had performed his duties in such a manner as to justify instant dismissal, but that as a matter of fact the plaintiff was offered his wages and money in lieu of notice but he refused to accept it.

After hearing evidence his Lordship found for the defendant with costs.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Taft for President.

Three members of the United States Senate have declared their adherence to the Taft boom for re-election; they are Biscoe Penrose of Pennsylvania, Reed Smoot of Utah and Murray Crane of Massachusetts.

These senators have avowed that they will support the President in his efforts to obtain the nomination of his party. An effort has been made to pull the Republican wing of the Senate on the subject but most of the members of the conservative faction are reticent on the matter.

Trans-Atlantic Ballooning.

Dr. Paul F. Gans, president of the German Aero Club, having made satisfactory arrangements at Washington for warships to accompany him half way across the Atlantic in his dirigible balloon Suchard next March, sailed for home on Jan. 12 on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

According to Present arrangements, Dr. Gans and his crew of eleven will be escorted from Europe to Tenerife by three German warships and several yachts.

United States vessels will pick him up at Tenerife and come with him either to Bermuda or Florida. The Aero Club of America is also to send out three swift yachts.

Eight Men Afloat Death.

At Ruelle-sur-Louvre (France) on January 9, eight steel moulders met a horrible death, and eleven others were seriously injured by the bursting of a gun mould at the government naval arsenal near Angoulême.

The Drug Habit.

An inquest held on January 4, on the body of John Thomas Stapleforth, 67, of independent means, who died at Denbigh-road, Brynwater, on New Year's Eve, a sister stated that 20 years ago he was advised by a doctor during an illness to take opium. He grew a victim to the drug habit and at one time he took as much as 3 1/2 of laudanum or 64 grains of opium twice a day. Later he had made every effort to break himself of the habit, and had lessened the doses to 16 grains three times a day. The jury returned a verdict of "Death by self-administration."

COMPANY REPORT.

Hongkong And Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

The following is the report and balance sheet for the half-year ended Dec. 31, 1911 to be presented to the shareholders of the above company at the ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the town office, Queen's Buildings, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m.:

Gentlemen.—The directors beg to submit report and balance sheet for the half-year ended December 31, 1911.

The Net profit for the six months after debiting profit and loss account with all charges including directors' and auditors' fees is \$ 75,704.10

To which has to be added balance from last account 153,886.97

Making available for disposal \$229,591.07

The directors recommend that this sum be appropriated as follows, viz:—

In payment of dividend to the shareholders at the rate of 2 per cent. for the six months, equal to one dollar per share \$ 50,000.00

To plant depreciation 30,000.00

To carry forward to new account 149,591.07

Directors.—Mr. A. S. Sorensen

has been appointed a Director.

In accordance with Clauses 78 and 85 of the Articles of Association Mr. G. H. Medhurst and Mr. H. A. Siebs retire by rotation but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The Hon. Mr. R. H. Ross has been elected Chairman for the year 1912.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, C.A.

These gentlemen retire at this time and offer themselves for re-election.

G. H. MEDHURST, Chairman.

Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1912.

Balance Sheet December 31 1911.

Liabilities.

Capital 50,000 Shares

of \$50 each, fully paid up, 2,500,000.00

Reserve Fund 200,000.00

Marine Insurance 81,698.69

A/c., 2,103,081.34

Sundry Creditors...

Balance of Profit brought forward \$ 153,886.97

Profit for the half-year ending 31st December, 1911, \$ 75,704.10

229,591.07

\$ 5,114,351.10

Assets.

Value of Kowloon, Cosmo-

politan and Aberdeen Docks, Buildings and Plant, including Floating Plant and No. 1 Dock Extension as per last statement, \$3,784,020.27

Additions during half-year to date, including final payment for No. 1 Dock Extension, 74,700.23

3,859,020.50

Sundry Debtors, 197,050.68

Material in Stock, at Book Value, and Amount expended on Work in Progress, as at December 31, 1911, less Instalments received on account, 1,057,073.08

\$5,114,351.10

Profit and Loss Account: 31st December, 1911.

To bank interest... \$ 60,154.46
To Rates and Taxes 11,287.30
To Crown Rent 4,073.05
To Insurance 6,618.00
To Directors' and Auditors' Fees... 9,083.00
To Profit... 75,704.10

\$100,919.91

By Earnings transferred from Trading Account... \$ 100,919.91

\$ 100,919.91

Kowloon Docks, February 5, 1912.

G. H. Medhurst } Directors.
D. W. Craddock }

R. M. Dyer, Chief Manager.
Wm. Jolly, Secretary.

We report that we have examined the above Balance Sheet dated 31st December, 1911, with the books and accounts of the Company and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company subject to the value placed on work in progress and stock of material in hand which is certified by the Chief Manager as reasonable.

The allocation of expenditure shown on fixed assets has also been certified by the Chief Manager.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Auditors.

A. R. LOWE, C.A.

February 8, 1912.

OLD THINGS.

Was it not Charles Lamb who frankly owned that he loved old wine, old books, old friends? We think it was. Anyhow, it doesn't matter. The point is that we are unable to agree with him entirely. Old wine—yes. Old book—well, it depends. Old books in an up-to-date edition, with modern spelling and in modern type we like. But the genuine old article we dislike. The leather binding and the general air of solidity are, we grant you, attractive. But it is in reality a sort of whitened sepulchre. Inside you will find it full, if not of dead men's bones, at any rate of the weirdest type, where all the v's are u's and all the s's curly things that look like f's. The spelling, too, is abominable. Still, the matter is good. So, as we say, these old books, in a modern dress, are all right. Better than most new ones, anyhow. But what of old friends? Well, to tell the truth, our experience of old friends has not been a happy one. The chief difference between a man who calls himself an old friend of yours and the ordinary friend, is that the first thinks himself privileged to slap you heartily on the back at odd and inconvenient moments, borrow your money, and indulge his wit at your expense. Etiquette forbids new or medium friend to do these things, even if he wished to. In a word, the Old Friend is a bit of a fraud, if not indeed an also-ran. The new friend may not be quite so genuine, but he is more comfortable and easier to get along with.—The "Globe."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT SIX.

A 14-year-old Sheffield boy, who has been sent to a reformatory for five years, possesses the terrible record of having attempted suicide on three occasions. He was charged with having taken laudanum. The evidence showed that he made the first attempt when he was six years of age, and the second in September last, when he tried to hang himself. Unfortunately he does not appear to be the only member of the family possessing tendencies of a like nature, for the same week his younger brother tried to stab the bench that his father was always telling him to throw himself under the tram or railway engines or motor-cars. The father, questioned on this point by the Bench, said he only did that when he was in a temper.

DON'T FORGET.

Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Dramatic Performance. St. Joseph's College.

"Sweet Nell of Old Drury."

Theatre Royal.

Portuguese Branch of Ministering Children's League, Government House.

Thursday, Feb. 15.

Hongkong Church Missionary Association, annual meeting. St. Paul's College, 5.30 p.m.

"Taming of the Shrew."

Theatre Royal.

Friday, Feb. 16.

Annual meeting Diocesan Refuge.

Ordinary annual meeting of Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Dramatic Performance. St. Joseph's College 9 p.m.

Rajput Sports, U. S. R. C. ground.

Saturday, Feb. 17.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Half yearly meeting.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., meeting, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Hongkong Races:—First Day.

Thursday, Feb. 22.

Hongkong Races:—Second Day.

Friday, Feb. 23.

Hongkong Races:—Third Day.

Saturday, Feb. 24.

Hongkong Races:—Off Day.

Sunday, Feb. 25.

11 a.m. Volunteer Parade Service at St. John's Cathedral.

Friday, March 1.

Horticultural Society Show.

Today's Advertisements

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of February, 1912, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at May Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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2	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
3	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
4	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
5	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
6	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
7	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
8	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
9	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00
10	100	10,000	227.27	2.27	0.05	0.00

Hongkong, 13th Feb., 1912. [161]

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Hongkong, 14th Feb., 1912. [162]

WELSH DINNER.

THE Annual Dinner will be held on St. David's Day, and Welshmen desiring to be present are invited to communicate with the undersigned.

J. R. POWELL-GRANT, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1912. [163]

HONGKONG SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

The public are warned that Small-pox prevails in the Colony at the present time and it is advisable therefore for all those who have not already had this disease to be vaccinated. Europeans who cannot afford to employ a private medical practitioner may be vaccinated free of cost at the Government Civil Hospital between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily; Chinese at the Tung Wah Hospital, or at any of the public Dispensaries, viz., Wan Chai, Kau U Fong and Second Street (St. Ying Poon) in the City of Victoria, the Kwong Wah Hospital, (Yauwatt Dispensary), Hung Hom, Kowloon City and Shaukiwan.

B. D. O. WOLFE, Head of Sanitary Department.

Dated 9th February, 1912. [140]



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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE, ...	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sakino, T. 5,000 NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon. FRIDAY, 16th Mar., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE.	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. Noma, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb.
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ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd
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TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 20th
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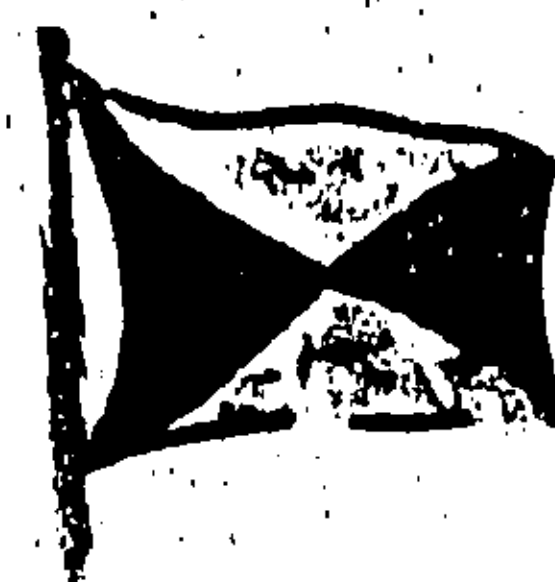
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"Baye n." ... 1st May	S.S. "Spezia" ... 1st Mar.
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	S.S. "Goldenele" ... 5th Mar.
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	S.S. "Ponson" ... 14th Mar.
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Tilmanbeck	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.
Tilmanbeck	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.
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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Chiyo Maru" ... 21,000	W. V. Green	Feb. 16th, Noon.	
S.S. "Nippon Maru" ... 11,000	A. G. Stevens	Mar. 8th, Noon.	
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ... 21,000	E. Bent	Mar. 16th, Noon.	
S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ... 21,000	H. S. Smith	Apr. 9th, Noon.	

† These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw.

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The triple screw steamer "CHIYO MARU" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 16th February, at Noon.

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Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.

The steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILEAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.

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LOG BOOK.

The Panama Canal.

American shipbuilders are said to be very busy, in view of the early opening of the Panama Canal, says "Lloyd's Shipping Gazette." All the evidence, however, seems to point to a distinctly restricted demand. The "boom" does not come off. Mr. Bernard N. Baker is reported to have failed wholly to organize his proposed Atlantic and Pacific Transport Company. His non-success, he says, is due to the opposition of the trans-continental railroads. More than that, the United States Post Office has not received a single bid for carrying mails through the Panama Canal. Senator Newlands, of Nevada, who is quoted as an authority on the subject, says:—The situation is most serious. With the opening of the canal only nineteen months away, there are practically no ships to handle the Pacific-Atlantic coast business and none for the new mail routes, notwithstanding the heavy subsidy offered. If that means anything, it means that the shippers will be left, as now, at the mercy of the trans-continental roads, and our investment of \$400,000,000 will have been useless as far as this commerce is concerned.

A new light is thrown on the situation by the American-Hawaiian Line, which did not send in a tender, but a counter proposal before the American Post Office. This company, which in point of tonnage is said to have the largest fleet of American steamships, is ready to carry the mails at a flat rate of 4 cents per lb., or \$5,000 a year, but it turns up its nose at a subsidy of \$750,000 a year. Mr. Dearborn, its president, explains. He says the passenger type of ship required under the proposed contract is not one that is suitable for carrying freight economically. The limited space for freight on each ship, on account of the encroachment of the passenger accommodation and the appurtenances thereof, would not produce a sufficient amount of revenue. Hence it would subsist entirely upon the subsidy, and Mr. Dearborn prefers something safer. He is evidently under no illusions. "The mails to the Pacific coast and the trans-Pacific mails will always be carried by rail, because the trains can make the run in four days. Therefore, who would send even third or fourth-class matter by ship? The only mail that will be carried by the isthmian lines will be letters for the Canal Zone itself, and a little for neighbouring countries. This mail can just as well be carried by our ships as by a specially constructed line of subsidised mail steamers." In a word, this much-trumpeted mail contract is a fake.

Mr. Dearborn is quite candid about the limitations of American steam shipping. Foreigners, he says, can build their ships for half what it cost Americans, and can operate them more cheaply. "Without the coastwise navigation laws we should be helpless." For that reason, Mr. Dearborn takes leave to doubt if a subsidy can legally be given to ships already receiving Government protection under the coastwise laws. "It is a point worth looking into. Meantime, the head of the American-Hawaiian Company is dead against subsidy waste. "You have," he says, "to take into consideration the fact that there will be plenty of foreign lines running down to the Isthmus and that if the Government wants to it can let them carry its mails at a great deal cheaper rate than that imposed by the expensive subsidy. Why not? Our trans-Atlantic mails are largely carried in foreign bottoms. If American capital can't stand investment in fast, high-cost steamships, why blink at the fact? If it's so, it's so. That is the real point. The American disposition is to blink where shipping is concerned."

THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE.

Abdul Hamid's Court Secrets to be Revealed.

It has been decided to publish the so-called "Djournals" of the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, says a Constantinople correspondent. These are the most authenticated records of his terrible 33 years' reign, and will throw valuable light on the social conditions and Court life during the reign of "the Red Assassin."

They include historical memoranda, diaries, letters of denunciation, transactions of the slave market, sanctions of executions and tortures, notes, bills, accounts and statements of innumerable spies, feverish scribbles of falsehood and treachery, Machiavellian records and registers, and testimonies of unheard-of oppression and cruelty. Those will give a lurid insight into the fierce, gloomy, and melancholy moods and haunting fears of the Nero of the Eastern Rome, and will reveal iniquity and wickedness rarely paralleled in the world's history.

Soon after the deposition of the Red Sultan those at the head of the constitutional regime made every possible effort to get hold of all his journals. Search was made for them in all the vast quarters of Yildiz Kiosk, in the subterranean passages and caves, the secret recesses of the "Selamlik" (part of a Moslem house assigned for men), and even in the sacred domain of the Imperial harem, with its 3,000 beauties. The search was in vain. Abdul had to disclose the whereabouts of the documents himself. He kept them in a hidden chamber close to his bedroom. The access to it was known only to him. It was shut and opened by an ingenious electrical contrivance, the workings of which none could ever discover.

When this hidden chamber was entered there were found in it piles of boxes of various sizes filled with journals. Over 500 such boxes were brought to light. Abdul never destroyed any letter sent to him, however insignificant or however unimportant the sender.

The strange thing is that among the countless journals of Abdul Hamid not a single line is found written by himself. He never wrote anything. He had an unaccountable aversion to the art of writing, although he urged others, under the penalty of death, to write to him as often and as completely as possible to keep him informed of all that was going on in the capital and in the Empire. Even his name he never signed. His Imperial signet served as death sentence or order of promotion for a despicable courtier or slave.

Abdul's Love of Reading.

But although the ex-Sultan never wrote a line, he was exceedingly fond of reading. This fondness, during the latter years of his reign, became a passion. He read day and night, and never went to bed without a book. His library was characteristic of his disposition and character. It consisted of books of a most trivial nature. Novels with a murderous ending were his predilection. He disliked, however, narratives of an immoral or obscene trend. Stories with bloody incidents of cruelty and crime were his delight.

The reading of his journals afforded him the utmost pleasure. He spent hundreds of thousands of pounds every year for the indefatigable services of his intricate, yet always well-managed and well-directed, espionage system. Although he almost never left the precincts of Yildiz Kiosk, for fear of assassination, he knew what was going on outside. He knew every official, every diplomatist, every scribe, however low in his social or political standing. Being extremely suspicious, he was in the habit of gauging public opinion. This mood of anticipating, coupled with his great inquisitiveness and curiosity, made Abdul Hamid himself a formidable spy. His servile emissaries knew it, and never dared to equivocate or to quibble in his presence.

Among the countless journals the majority are letters of denunciation. Abdul Hamid expected every one of his servants to be first a spy and then a denouncer. A jealous official eager to replace a superior, an inferior of the Imperial harem determined to be raised to the dignity of a Sultan, had only to scribble down a few lines denouncing somebody, no matter whom and no matter how high and distinguished, and their object was attained. Abdul had a special secretary, who had nothing else to do but to receive such scribbles and to hand them over to his master. Abdul never inquired into the veracity of the accusation. A written statement from whatever source was sufficient for the accused to be condemned and in many cases executed.

Abdul's system of espionage had many formidable branches, reaching into the lowest levels of the populace, and mounting up into the highest circles of society. He paid his spies liberally. He readily distributed little bags full of gold pieces for every little information against anybody whom he had begun to dislike. His imperial favours and bounties know no limits when news of a plot or conspiracy was brought to him. Many a despicable wight became the proud governor of a whole province for a mere calumny. Fathers spied on their sons, sons plotted against their parents, wives slandered their husbands, servants swore falsely against their masters, and each and all were getting royal rewards from the arch-spy Abdul.

Grand Vizier Implicated. The publication of the journals will reveal many a strange fact concerning a number of highly-placed officials and diplomats of the constitutional regime. Pashas, Ministers, Grand Viziers are implicated in the matter. It begins to be evident that several Deputies who are at present eloquently propounding the ideas of liberty and brotherhood were nothing but "djournal-djis" (spies and denouncers) during Abdul's sway, and that even the former Grand Vizier Halak Pasha is not free from the reproach. A journal has been found which had been addressed to the ex-Sultan by the present Grand Vizier Said Pasha, in which this latter speaks in derogatory terms of the Ottoman Constitution. "This should never have been granted!" was the definite opinion of the worthy old man.

Such facts are eagerly taken up by the opposition as proofs of the present Government being desirous to overthrow the dearly-bought Liberal regime. Intermittent discussions follow in the Parliament. Accusation and defence are both weak and futile and in many ways absolutely purposeless. There are some, among others also the War Minister Mahmoud Shekfat Pasha, who propose that Abdul's journals should be reduced to ashes. This counsel, however, is not likely to prevail, and the precious documents will go to print.

GIRL FOUND ABANDONED IN A HUT. The case of a girl about 14 years of age, whose identity is mysterious, is (says the London "Daily News") puzzling the authorities of the Cranbrook Workhouse. After the hop-picking season she was found in one of the huts, having been abandoned by her associates. The girl did not know her age, her home, or even her name, and all she could say was that for a long time she had been on tramp with people who deserted her. When removed to the workhouse the master and matron were attracted by her natural grace and superiority of manner compared with children on the road, and they referred the case to the chaplain. By diligent questioning he ascertained that she remembered having once lived in a large house, where the family were daily assembled for prayer, and she also remembered scraps of the prayers. It was hoped that the publicity given to the case might enable the mystery to be cleared up.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Soochuan, Hunan, Kueibow and Tenzuch.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London to Shanghai, 24th Jan. to 27th Feb. 1912.
Shanghai to London, 27th Feb. 1912.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Himalaya, 10th inst.
German, Yokohama, 22nd inst.
American, Mongolia, 23rd inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Bangkok—Per Dufferin, 15th Feb., 8 a.m.
Swatow—Per Haimun, 15th Feb., 10 a.m.
Hiohwa and Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Singan, 15th Feb., 10 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Hainan, 15th Feb., 11 a.m.
Yokohama—Per Sai Tai, 15th Feb., 1.15 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Chinghua, 15th Feb., 8 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Assyo, 15th Feb., 6 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Hilo, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Luncheon, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Yawata Maru, 15th Feb., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Hong Kong and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Chinghua, 15th Feb., 11 a.m.

Shanghai and Kobe—Per Tsimahi, 15th Feb., 2 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Nubia is expected to arrive at Peking on the 15th inst., at 8 a.m.

The s.s. Kalomo left Sabang on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 22nd inst., p.m.

The s.s. Zafiro left Manila on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 16th inst., at daylight.

The s.s. Lasing left Singapore for Hongkong on the 10th inst., and is due on the 17th inst.

ARRIVALS.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,840, Fraser, 12th Feb.—Saigon 8th Feb., Rice—Wu Fat Sing.

Hong Wan I. Chi. s.s., 2,000, J. Mason, 12th Feb.—Singapore 6th Feb., Gen.—Joo Tek Song.

Tijmsnook, Dutch s.s., 3,620, A. W. La Roy, 13th Feb.—Mojil 9th Feb., Coal.—J. C. J. L.

Pera, Br. s.s., 7,000, W. W. Co. s.s., 18th Feb.—Singapore 7th Feb., Co.—P. & O. & Co.

Ilidilimo Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,038, S. Hiroo, 14th Feb.—Singapore 14th Feb., Co.—N. Y. K.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 2,004, J. A. Taylor, 14th Feb.—Shanghai via Kuchinotsu 9th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Tijlajap, Dutch s.s., 2,770, E. H. Kroes, 13th Feb.—Milke and Amoy 11th Feb., Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 938, J. Yamaguchi, 14th Feb.—Swatow 13th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

Lienhsing, Br. s.s., 938, Smith, 14th Feb.—Yokohama 8th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chinghua, Br. s.s., 2,800, Benson, 14th Feb.—Canton 13th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,380, J. B. Harris, 14th Feb.—Shanghai 11th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Chip Slings, Br. s.s., 1,199, Mooney, 14th Feb.—Chefoo via Weihaiwei 8th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Fallata, Br. s.s., 2,700, H. Chisley, 14th Feb.—Hankow via Peking, Gen.—Order.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,844, F. Sembill, 18th Feb.—Sundakan 7th Feb., Timber—M. & Co.

Chinking, Br. s.s., 1,229, Monthrel, 18th Feb.—Wakamatsu 51st Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Chiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 13,428, W. W. Groene, 6th Feb.—San Francisco 17th Jan., Mails and Gen.—T. K. K.

Dufferin, Br. troopship, 8,944, W. B. Middleton, a.m., 18th Feb.—Kamohi via Singapore 28th Jan.

Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 8,039, S. Robinson, a.m., 2nd Feb.—Vancouver 11th and Shanghai 30th Jan., Mail and Gen.—O. P. R. Co.

Kiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,757, W. E. Filmer, 7th Feb.—South America 17th Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.

Lockean, Ger. s.s., 1,020, W. Teinberl, 10th Feb.—Bangkok 1st Feb., Rice—B. & S.

Loeng Sang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leach, 18th Feb.—Manila 10th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lucerie, Br. s.s., 4,100, J. Malher, 18th Feb.—Manila, P.I. 10th Feb., Gen.—Bank Line.

Lycemoon, Ger. s.s., 1,295, V. Pihlman, 11th Feb.—Saigon 8th Feb., Gen.—H. A. L.

Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,373, Oronmin, 12th Feb.—Bangkok 8th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Pongtong, Br. s.s., 997, W. Totelahr, 4th Feb.—Bangkok 22nd Jan., Rice—B. & S.

Samsen, Ger. s.s., 998, R. Petersen, 11th Feb.—Bangkok 2nd Feb., Rice and Gen.—B. & S.

Seattle Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,332, T. Sato, 11th Feb.—Manila, 9th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

Singa, Br. s.s., 1,047, F. Jamieson, 8th Feb.—Haiphong 8th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Tamon Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,001, Y. Yamashita, 18th Feb.—Mojil 5th Feb., Coal.—M. B. K.

Vestfold, Nor. s.s., 1,112, Nordenskiöld, 11th Feb.—Saigon 8th Feb., Gen.—A. T. K.